

Bunny Loves to Learn

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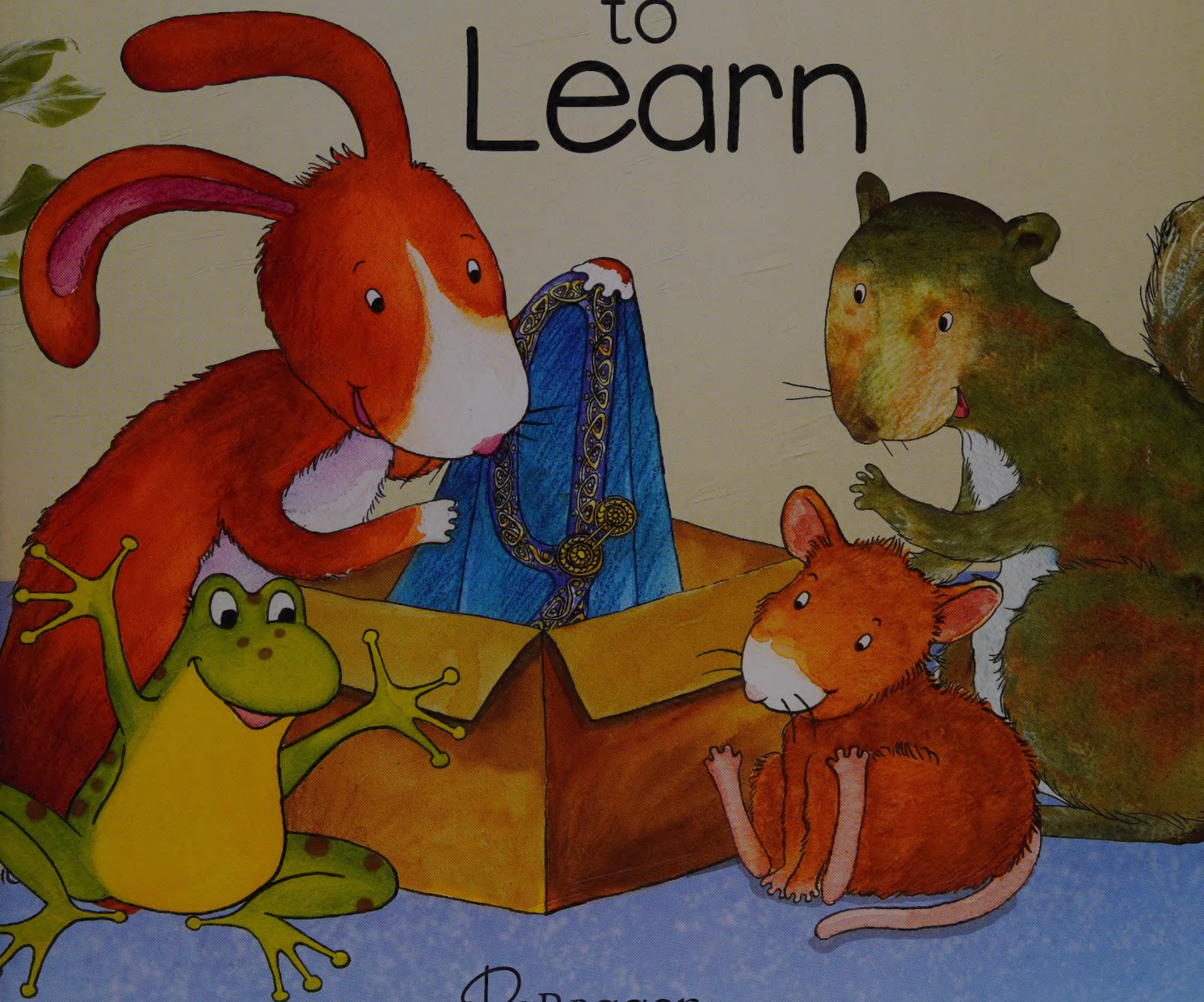
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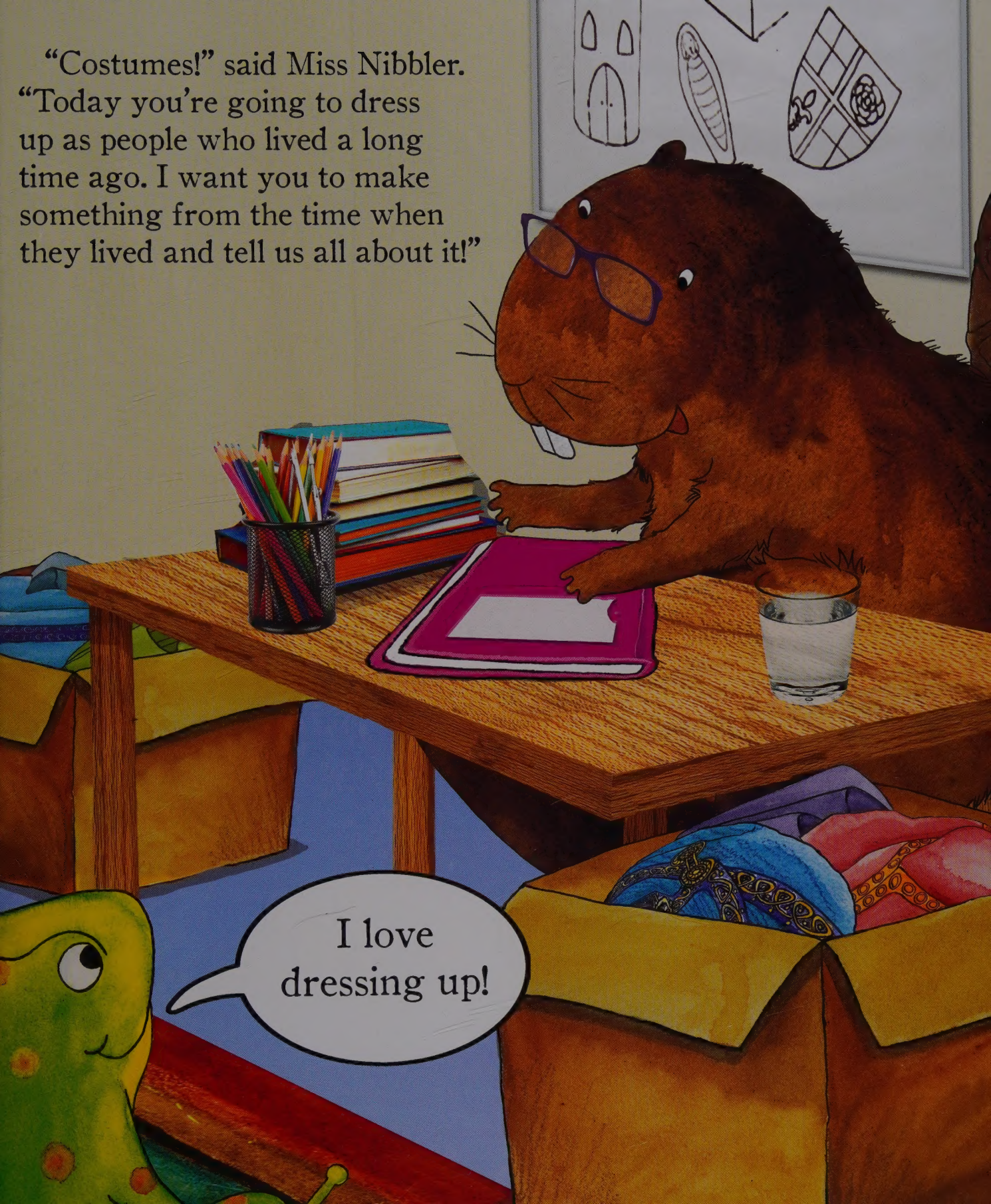
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One morning, Buster and his best friends Sam, Max and Francine arrived at school.

"What's in those boxes, Miss?" asked Buster.



“Costumes!” said Miss Nibbler.
“Today you’re going to dress
up as people who lived a long
time ago. I want you to make
something from the time when
they lived and tell us all about it!”



I love
dressing up!

"I'm going to find out
about Vikings," said Buster.
"This cloak is really cool!"



“I want to be a knight,” said Sam.
“They have amazing helmets!”



“Look at this dress,”
said Francine. “I think
I’ll be a princess!”

“Oh, no!” joked Buster.
“You’re bossy enough
as it is!”

“Silence, servant!”
laughed Francine.

"I can't decide what to find out about," said Max.

"Why don't you dress up as an Egyptian ruler?" said Buster, taking a book from the shelf. "They were called pharaohs."



But the pharaoh's crown was missing from the box.

"I don't want to be a king without a crown!" said Max.



Francine showed Max a website she was looking at.

SEARCH: *Roman soldier*

A Roman Soldier



Roman boys wore a long garment called a tunic or tunic.



“How about dressing up as a Roman boy?” she suggested.

“That outfit looks boring,” said Max.

“Or a Roman soldier?” said Sam. “Look at that cool helmet!”

But the soldier costume in the box was far too big for Max.



Suddenly, Max pointed to a poster on the classroom wall.

"I want to be an Egyptian mummy!" he said. "Mummies are cool!"

"What about an Egyptian daddy?" asked Sam.



mummies

When Egyptians died,
their bodies were
specially preserved.

A preserved body was
called a mummy.

Mummies were wrapped
in bandages.



“It’s not that kind of mummy,”
laughed Max. He rummaged in the
costume box.

“Bother,” he said. “There’s no
mummy costume.”



While Max looked through the box, Sam said, "I've got a knight's sword and a helmet. All I need is a shield. I'm going to make one!"

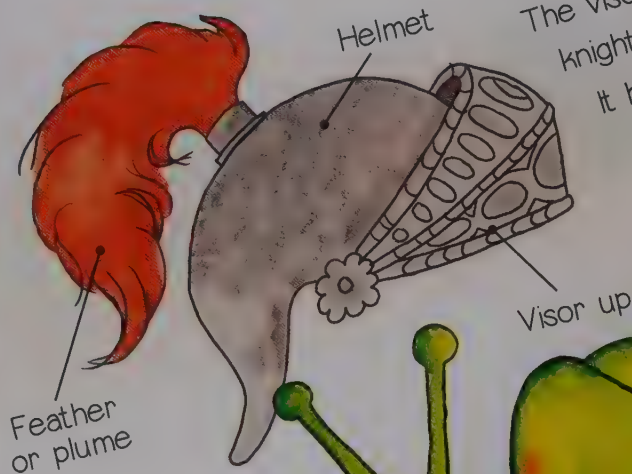
"Why does the helmet open and close?" asked Buster.

Sam looked in one of his books. "It closes to protect the knight when he is fighting in a battle," he said.

"But then how could they tell which knight was which?" asked Francine.

"Good point," said Sam. "Let's see if it says in my book..."

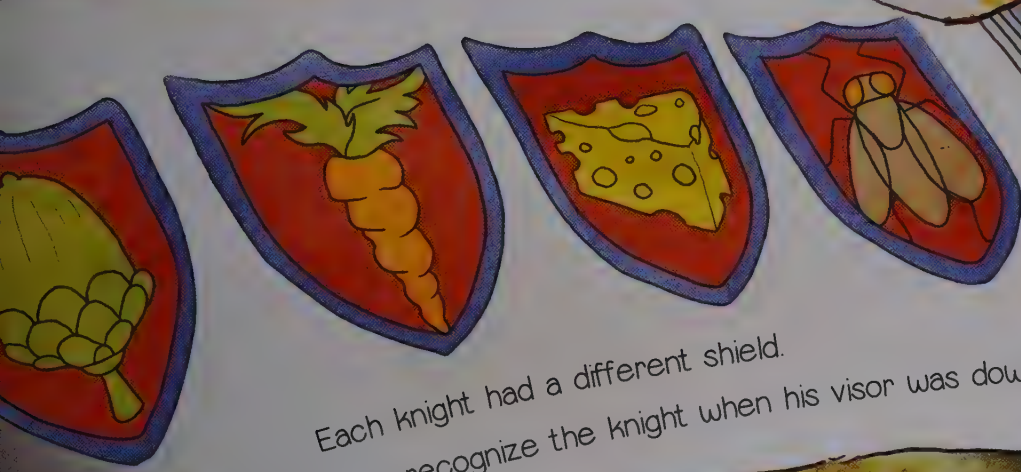
Knight Helmets and Shields



The visor protected the knight's face in battle. It had holes to see through.

Visor down



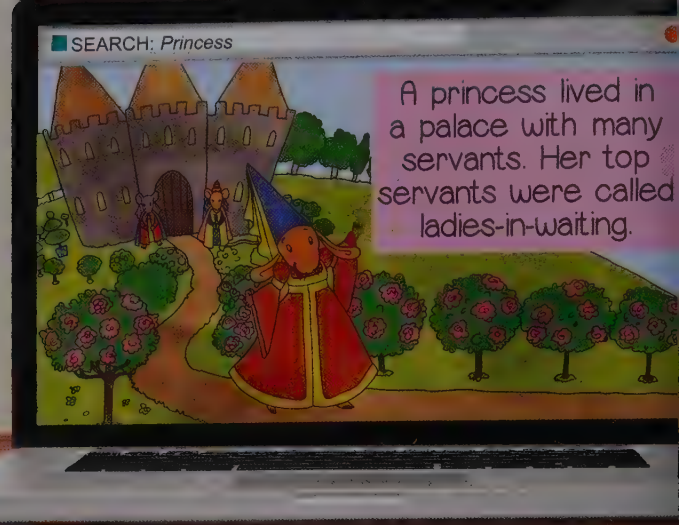


Each knight had a different shield.
This made it easy to recognize the knight when his visor was down.

Here it is!



Soon Buster, Sam and Francine were busy making things.



"I'm building a model of a Viking ship," said Buster.

"And I'm making a palace for a princess," said Francine.

But Max still didn't know what to make.

"I can't think of anything better than dressing as a mummy," he grumbled.



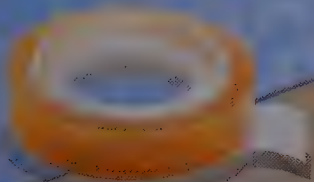
“What else do you know about Egyptians?” asked Buster.

“I know they built big pyramids,” said Max.

“Why don’t you build one of those?” suggested Buster.

“Good idea!” said Max.

“It looks really easy.”



Max found some big sheets of card and tried to make a pyramid. But somehow it didn't look right.

"Oh dear," he said. "This is trickier than I thought."

"We'll give you a hand," said Buster. "We've all nearly finished."

Buster and Sam helped Max to find some books.



Francine showed him how to look up pyramids on the computer.



“Ah, now I see,” said Max.
“A pyramid has four sides, not three. And each side is exactly the same size. No wonder this one is so wonky!”

Max finished his pyramid proudly, but then he sighed.
“I still don’t know what to wear!” he said.





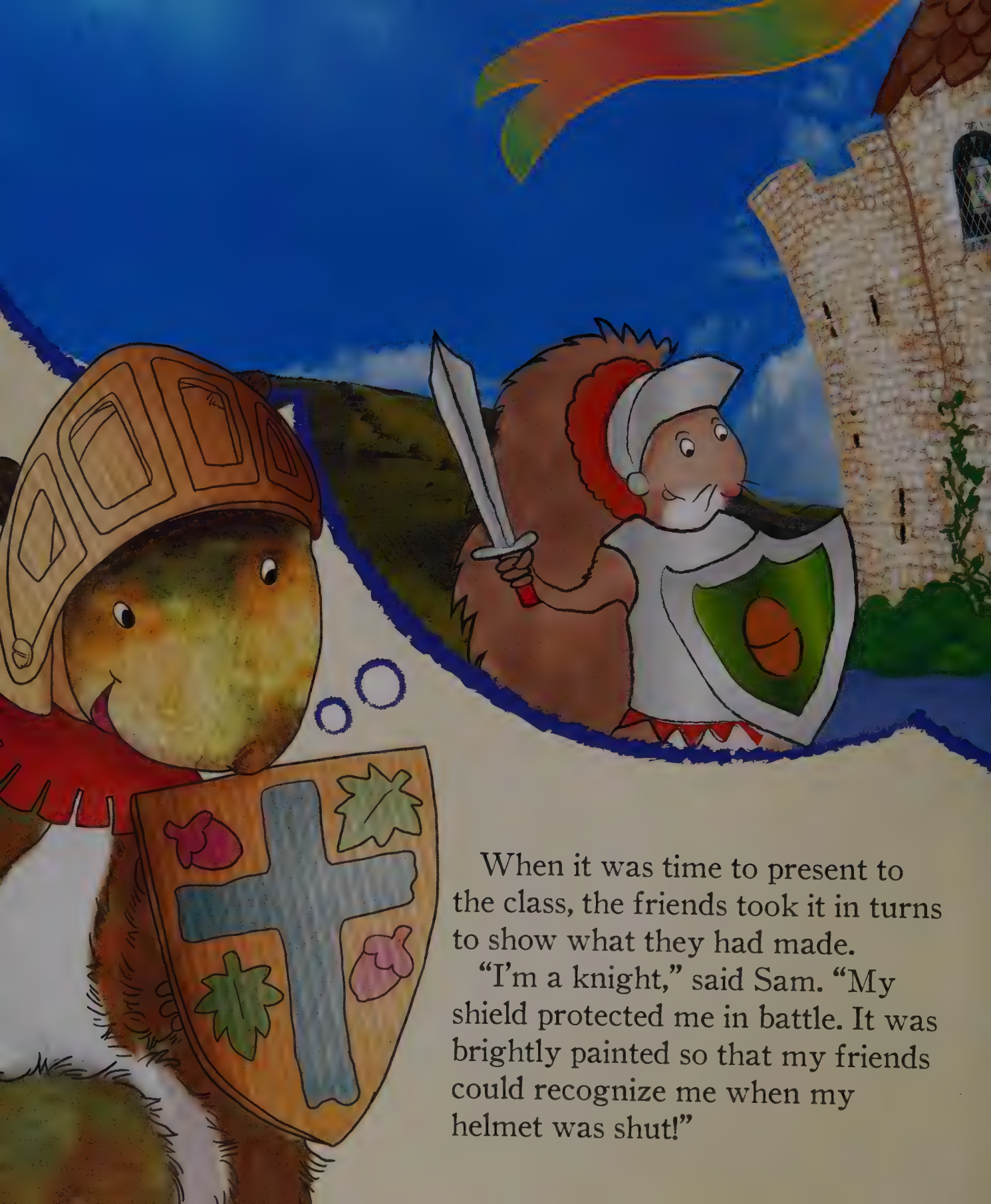
“Ouch!” said Buster suddenly. “I just got a paper cut!”

“It’s only a small one,” said Miss Nibbler. “But you’d better nip to the school nurse for a plaster.”

“Okay, Miss,” said Buster. “And I’ve just had an idea!” He whispered in Max’s ear.

“Brilliant!” laughed Max. “Please don’t be long!”





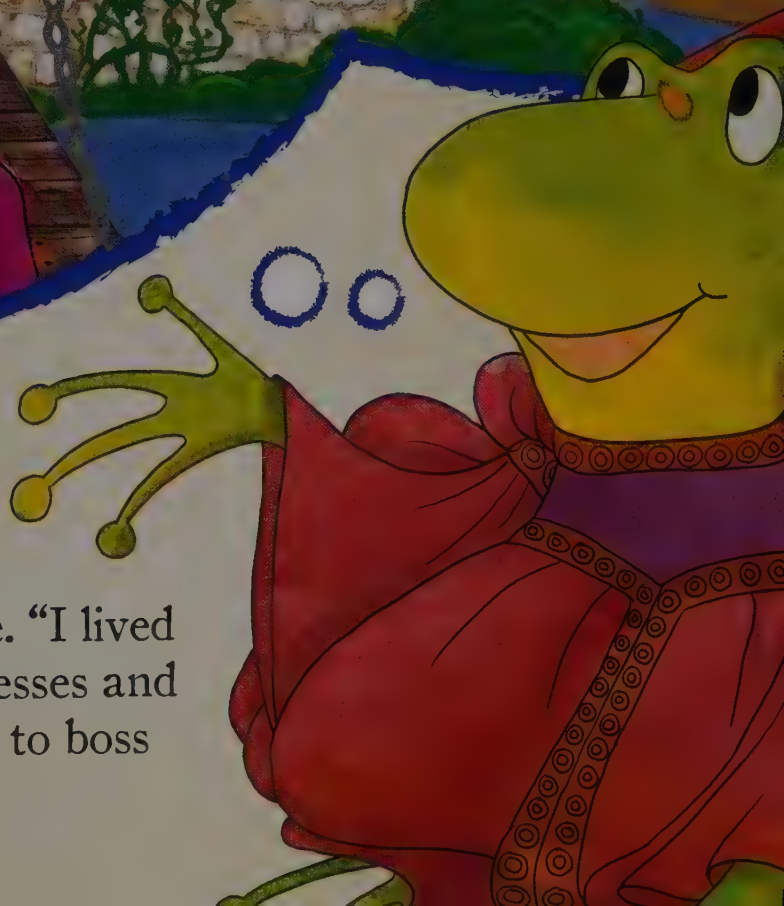
When it was time to present to the class, the friends took it in turns to show what they had made.

"I'm a knight," said Sam. "My shield protected me in battle. It was brightly painted so that my friends could recognize me when my helmet was shut!"



Then it was Francine's turn.

"I'm a princess," said Francine. "I lived in a palace. I wore long silky dresses and tall pointy hats. And I often got to boss around all the knights!"





Buster, back from the nurse, showed the class his Viking ship. "I'm a Viking," he said. "I loved to sail in a very fast ship called a longship. It had a dragon's head carved on the front to scare my enemies!"

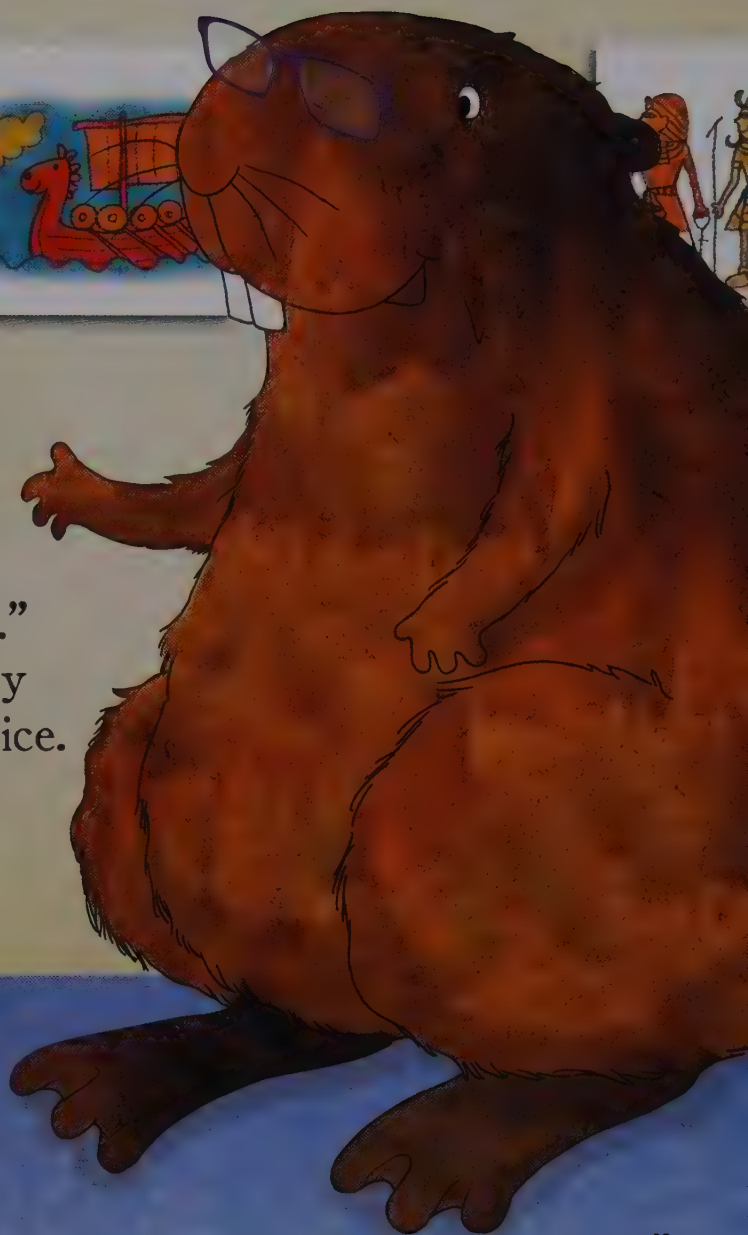




“Thanks, Buster,” said Miss Nibbler. “Now it’s Max’s turn.”

“Egyptians lived a very, very long time ago,” said Max’s voice.

But he was nowhere to be seen... Where was he?



“They built amazing pyramids,” the voice went on. “The pyramids were taller than ten houses on top of each other! Nobody lived in them, except for –

"MUMMIES! RAAAAH!"

And Max leapt
out of the pyramid!





“So that’s where you were hiding!” cried Francine.

“Where did you get that brilliant mummy costume?” asked Sam. “I thought there wasn’t one.”

“I borrowed the bandages from the school nurse,” said Max. “It was Buster’s idea. Thanks for helping me, Buster!”

“Clever thinking, Buster!” said Miss Nibbler. “And well done to everybody. Your costumes look amazing and you’ve all learned some really interesting things. What a wonderful show and tell!”











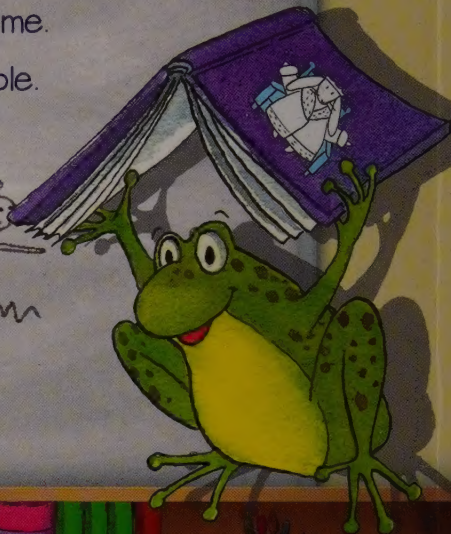
Today's project:



- Choose a costume from the box
(Knights and Princesses, Egyptians, Romans or Vikings!)
- Learn about the people who wore your costume.
- Make something from the time of these people.
- Share with the class!



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